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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ADVISES PM WHITLAM JUNE 11 ANNOUNCED FORMATION NEW LABOR MINISTRY. WITH EXCEPTION CAIRNS' REPLACEMENT OF BARNARD AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, ALL MAJOR PORTFOLIOS REMAIN SAME, WITH SOME RESHUFFLING LESS IMPORTANT MINISTRIES. ONLY NEW FACE IS SENATOR JOHN WHEELDON FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA WHO BECOMES MINISTER FOR REPATRIATION AND COMPENSATION.

2. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS RETAINS OVERSEAS TRADE PORTFOLIO. BARNARD RETAINS DEFENSE, WILLESEE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CREAN TREASURY, CONNOR FUELS AND ENERGY, AND MURPHY REMAINS ATTORNEY GENERAL. SISCOE

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